

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on June 21, 2006 has been carefully considered and the Examiner's remarks are appreciated. Claims 7-10 have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 12, and 16-20 were rejected based on 103 obviousness. And claims 3-15 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has adopted Examiner's suggestions with regard to the objected claims and have made the following amendments:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 3, to overcome the 103-based rejection of claim 1 and the objection of claim 3. Claim 3 is now canceled, and the dependency of claim 4 has been amended. Applicants submit that claims 2, and 4-6 are now also allowable as being dependent on an allowable claim.

Independent claim 11 has been amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 13, to overcome the 103-based rejection of claim 11 and the objection of claim 13. Claim 13 is now canceled, and the dependency of claim 14 has been amended. Applicants submit that claims 15-20 are now also allowable as being dependent on an allowable claim.

Summary

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11, 12, 14-20 are in condition for allowance, and requests allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11, 12, 14-20 in addition to already allowed claims 7-10. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining

impediment to allowance that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-7274.

Respectfully submitted,

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